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*To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.*

November 6th, 1813.

I NEVER intended that the matter alluded to in the paper signed "Detector," in your Magazine for August last, should have been brought before the public, after it had been settled by arbitration, as I had reason to think the delinquents were sorry for their conduct, for which they paid pretty smartly. But some late proceedings of these persons have convinced me they are unworthy of the clemency that was shown to them, and that their late conduct plainly points them out as very improper men. I, therefore, send the following account, which I drew up at the time, and sent to the Belfast News-Letter for insertion, but the Editor altered it very materially, at which I was not pleased. Before they got to the inn, they fired at dogs in the streets, and were near shooting some men who were making up mortar in the street.

"A MOST WANTON OUTRAGE."

"On Tuesday evening, the 23d instant,\* two wanton bucks having ordered a carriage at the inn in the town of Banbridge, to follow them on their way to Belfast, walked on through the town with pistols in their hands; when ascending the hill a short way from the town, one of them wantonly fired a pistol into the cabin-door of a poor man, and broke a parcel of delf on a shelf, which fell into a cradle in which an infant lay. They passed on laughing heartily at the greatness of the exploit: the shouts of the women and children alarmed the poor man who

was at work in an adjacent field; on being informed of the cause of the alarm, he and his brother pursued and came up with these bucks, with an intention to seize and chastise them, but one of them presented his pistol at the poor man, with oaths and threats, and he was advised by some men who were present, not to attempt touching them, as they were considered as gentlemen of the first rank and distinction, inhabitants of Belfast." "Detector" has told the sequel of the story.

HONESTY.

*To the Proprietors of the Belfast Magazine.*

TRUTH is like the refulgent and resplendent rays of the meridian sun, darted from that bright orb of heaven, to dissipate and disperse those gloomy mists of darkness which envelop this earth; and to enlighten and beautify all-created nature. Truth is an attribute, an essential attribute of the deity; from him it emanates; in him it centres.

Truth in every age has had its votaries, and admirers. These have always been highly, and honourably distinguished for their zeal, and for their respectability. A philosopher is the venerable, and illustrious title which mankind has universally conferred upon them; and by which they have been peculiarly distinguished. Zeal in the discovery, and zeal in the dissemination of truth, has always distinguished the genuine philosopher. Possessed of souls, whose views were wide and extended; whose conceptions were grand and lofty; whose principles were pure and refined, those worthy men who have so ably acted their parts, and retired with applause from this world's stage, whose actions we admire, and whose names we venerate, they were possessed

\* The exact date is forgotten; probably 1805 or 1806.